

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

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The invention solves the above problem by providing a concrete formwork system made of metal-faced plastic. The invention provides a concrete formwork panel comprising: a plastic core; a metal facing layer attached to the plastic core; a metal backing layer attached to the plastic core; the panel being thicker than 7 millimeters (mm). The panel can be from 7 mm to 35 mm in thickness. Preferably, the panel ranges from 9 mm to 15 mm thick. Most preferably, the panel is about 12 mm thick. Preferably, the panel weighs 77 pounds or less. Preferably, the metal facing layer and the metal backing layer are steel. Preferably, one of the metal facing layer and the metal backing layer is made of ~~0.009~~ 0.009 inch (0.23 mm) steel. Preferably, one of the metal facing layer and the metal backing layer is made of 0.013 inch (0.33 mm) steel. Preferably, one of the metal facing layer and the metal backing layer is made of 0.019 inch (0.48 mm) steel. Alternatively, the metal facing layer and the metal backing layer are aluminum. Preferably, the plastic is foam plastic. The foam may be from 10% to 70% gas, by volume. Preferably, the foam plastic is 40% or more gas, by volume. Alternatively, the foam plastic is 50% or more gas, by volume. Preferably, the plastic is ~~high-density~~ high-density polyethylene. Preferably, the panel is bent to form a flange. Preferably, the flange has openings formed in it. Preferably, the panel is notched at the bend. Preferably, there are two of the bends and the flange is a double-thick flange. Preferably, the backings are attached to the plastic with adhesive.

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